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1. WITH RESPECT TO QUESTIONS IN PARA SEVEN REFTEL, WE BELIEVE THAT IDF CARRIES OUT WEIZMAN'S COMMAND DECISIONS CONCERNING HADDAD AND THE MILITIAS. HOWEVER, WE WOULD GUESS THAT IT DOES SO WITHOUT MUCH ENTHUSIASM. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL THAT PRESENT CHIEF OF STAFF EITAN WAS FORMERLY COMMANDER OF THE NORTHERN REGION AND WAS PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING THE HADDAD CONNECTION IN THE FIRST PLACE. WITHOUT QUESTION, EITAN AND PROBABLY PRESENT NORTHERN COMMANDER BEN GAL AS WELL, FEEL A PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO HADDAD'S WELL-BEING AND TO THE CON-

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TINUATION OF THE STATUS QUO WITH RESPECT TO THE CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES. BUT IN OUR JUDGMENT, THEY WOULD NOT DIRECTLY IGNORE NOR DELIBERATELY SKEW ONE OF WEIZMAN'S ORDERS. AT THE SAME TIME THEIR PRESENTATION REPEAT PRESENTATION OF THE SUBSTANCE WOULD PROBABLY BE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM HIS.

2. HOWEVER, THIS MIGHT NOT MAKE A GREAT DEAL OF DIFFERENCE

SINCE WE THINK IT LIKELY THAT WEIZMAN HAS BEEN DIRECTLY IN
TOUCH WITH HADDAD IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. THE NEXT CHANCE
I GET I WILL ASK WEIZMAN IF HE HAS TALKED TO
HADDAD AND EXPLORE THE IDEA OF FURTHER DIRECT
CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO.
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